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Congratulations to you and the USUN team for your efforts to ensure that the UNSC agreed to Georgia's requests for special sessions on April 23 and May 30 to respond to Russian actions in the separatist region of Abkhazia, Georgia. I would like to single out the work of Ambassador Wolff, Jeff DeLaurentis, Kirk McBride, and Drew Schufletowski for their excellent work on the issue. Your team showed diplomatic mastery when they -- twice in two months -- secured agreement from the Russian Mission for the UNSC to hold two special sessions at Georgia's request. This achievement was amplified by defeating efforts to allow Abkhaz participation in the meetings. This was a real victory for Georgia and USUN. Please accept my heartiest thanks for a job well done.

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